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1. In 1946 an agreement reached between Poland and the Soviet Union, signed by Osobka-Morawski and Molotov, provided that in peace time all Polish merchant and fishing vessels should be free to use the canal at Pilawa (Pillau) and the channel to Elblag without interference from the Soviet authorities.
2. The agreement was kept until 1948, after which only very small merchant and fishing vessels were allowed to pass.
3. Gradually difficulties increased and no ships were allowed to pass, and finally, in the summer of 1950, a ban was issued forbidding Polish ships to use the channel to Pilawa. This ban is still in force.

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